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Literary Intelligence.

POPULAR LITERATURE IN FRANCE.—"Popular literature" having lately obtained much attention in England, it is opportune to say a few words on that of France. The success of the *Penny* and *Saturday Magazines* in England, led to the establishment of two or three similar periodicals in this city; and, though their English predecessors are dead and gone, they still exist with, I understand, a very large circulation. Their illustrations are very good, and their literary matter is both instructive and entertaining. The principal of them is *La Musée des Familles*. In imitation of the *Family Herald, London Journal*, and similar publications, periodicals called *Le Journal pour Tous, L'Omnibus, La Dimanche*, and so on, were also started here; and some of them, especially the first-named, have obtained a prodigious sale—from 70,000 to 100,000 copies weekly, I have heard. The price of these things is two sous a number—some are even only one sou; that is to say, less than a penny and half-penny. Up to this moment their popularity continues unabated; not a petty trader, a workman, or a *grisette*, who does not read them; and even the peasantry of the villages in the immediate neighborhood of the great towns, are not strangers to them. As regards literary merit, they are greatly inferior to their London contemporaries. Tales of tawdry sentiment, of violence and bloodshed, historical scenes grossly exaggerated or stupidly falsified—chapters of some common-place novel by unskilled "hands," a piece or two of execrable verse, scraps of information, never useful, and of twaddle, more or less vile, cut from the newspapers, and now and then a bit of music—these are their staple contents; and the whole is adorned with woodcuts, which are not only of very indifferent quality, but do not even possess the merit of being new, having already been published in other works.—*Cor. Lit. Gazette.*

The famous library at Munich, the *élite* of all the Benedictine and other congregational collections throughout Bavaria on their suppression, has just published the state of its acquisitions for 1857. They comprise 7734 volumes, and 1262 printed pamphlets. Of these 596 volumes and 370 pamphlets are obligatory deliveries from native authors, but the books purchased are principally the valuable collection made by Baron de Quatremere in Paris. The acquisitions in MS. number 102, many very valuable; 92 purchased, and 10 presented, amongst them the curious collection of "Ethiopic Codices," brought to Europe by Johannes Roth, and presented by his brother. Amongst the German MS., possibly the most curious is a thick folio of 856 vellum leaves, known as the "Colmar MS.," and long supposed lost, with copies of all the songs of the old Minne and Meister Sanger of Fatherland; the Celtic copies are five, which Zumpt used in editing his comparative grammar. Amongst the most valuable presents of printed works are noted "Physiologia

Plantarum Austriacum," 5 vols. fol., and 1 vol. 4to., with "Monumenta graphica mediævi," both from the Austrian authorities, who are wishful to distribute the latter to all societies interested in mediæval paleography and ornament, copied from existing documents in the Austrian monarchy. When we look to these acquisitions of the Bavarian State Library, we must admire the great extent and continued increase of its treasures. The latter can in some measure be estimated by the sale of its mere doublettes during the summer at Augsburg, at which Gutenberg's "Katholicon" of 1460, on vellum, fetched 4110 florins (350*l.*), the same on paper, 671 florins; "Missall Ratisboneuse" of 1518, 710 florins. For the block books, "Historia seu providentia Virginis Mariæ ex cantico Canticorum," 1255 florins, and "Historia S. Joannis Evangelistæ ejusque visiones apocalypticæ," 1420 florins.—*Lit. Gazette.*

Death of Madame Ida Pfeiffer.—This lady died in Vienna, on the 27th October, of an illness contracted during her late visit to Madagascar. Her travels and adventures have been made familiar to the reading public, by several interesting volumes.

From the London Publishers' Circular, October 15.

The following are amongst the more important works that have appeared within the last fortnight:—Murray's Handbook for Syria and Palestine; History of the Literature of Ancient Greece, by Müller and Donaldson; Grant's Aristotle, Vol. 2; A Supplement to Blake's Atlas; Algiers as a Winter Residence for the English; Walton's Problems in Elementary Mathematics; Heraldry in History, Poetry, and Romance, by Ellen Millington; Beazley's Elementary Treatise on Plane Trigonometry; Cooper's Athenæ Cantabrigienses, 1500-1585; Entomology in Sport, by the Hon. Mrs. W.; Wordsworth's Poems (illustrated), edited by Willmot; Thackeray's Virginians, Vol. 1; Mignonette, by the Author of The Curate of Holy Cross; Two Hearts, by Mrs. Gray; Light in Darkness, by the Rev. J. Anderson; Stamford's Memorials of the Rev. Wm. Rhodes; Charlesworth's Ministry of Life; Cole's Parochial Sermons; a Commentary, wholly Biblical, 3 vols. 4to.; and Diversities of Christian Character, by the Very Rev. Dean Ramsay.

Amongst the announcements of works of fiction for the ensuing season will be found—a new Novel by the Author of John Halifax; a new work by the Author of Mary Powell; Master and Pupil, by Mrs. Mackenzie Daniel; The Mill in the Valley, a Tale of German Rural Life; and Deborah's Diary, a Sequel to Mary Powell. There are also announced—the Third and Fourth Volumes of the Supplementary Despatches of the Duke of Wellington; Third and Fourth Volumes completing Rawlinson's Herodotus; Ferrier's History of the Afghans, translated by Capt. Jesse; The Food Grains of India, by Dr. J. Ford Watson; Recollections of a Winter's Campaign in India, by Capt. Oliver J. Jones; Two Years in Syria, by J. Lewis Farley; Historical Gleanings at Home and Abroad, by Mrs. Jamieson; Life in Victoria, by William Kelly; Life in Sweden, by Fredrika Bremer; the First Volume of Professor Masson's Life of John Milton; Milton's Poems, in 2 vols., with Notes, by Thos. Keightley; The Life and Correspondence of Douglas Jerrold, by his Son; the Wanderer, by Robert Bulwer Lytton; a new edition of Knowledge is Power, by Charles Knight; Redfield, or a Visit to the Country; a new Poem by Mr. Mitchell, to be entitled Pleasure; Logic in Theology, and other Essays, by Isaac Taylor; a new Volume of Sermons, by the Rev. Dr. Guthrie; a Second Series of Plain Sermons, by the Rev. J. J. Blunt; The Epistles of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, Galatians, and Romans, by the Rev. B. Jowett; An Essay on the Physical Constitution of the Celestial Bodies, by John Widdup; and a new edition of Childe Harold's Pilgrimage, with 70 Woodcut Illustrations.

The Philological Society have issued a prospectus of the new English Dictionary which is to be brought out under their auspices. The work has been intrusted to two committees—the one literary and historical, and the other etymological. The object of the prospectus is to lay the plan of the work before the public, and to ask such further help in the reading and noting of books as will enable the plan to be satisfactorily carried out.

It is stated that the Emperor of Russia has authorized the students of the University of Moscow to translate several modern and illustrated works into the Russian language, to be published at the cost of the University.

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Robert Carter & Brothers have got out Volume V. of Dr. Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit, containing communicative notices of distinguished clergymen of the Episcopal Church, in the United States." Of this volume the author observes: "It is by no means claimed for it that it contains notices of *all* the prominent deceased clergymen of the Episcopal Church. Not a small number of worthy, and in their day highly honored, men have fallen into such deep obscurity from the lapse of years, that it has been found impossible, after the most careful research, to construct any thing like a creditable memorial of their characters or usefulness—in respect to such, however, it is consolatory to reflect that time deals more leniently with their influence than with their names; and that what they did for their generation descends, in the form of blessing, through numberless imperceptible channels and combinations to all posterity. Nor is it claimed for this volume, more than for the preceding, that it embraces all the names worthy of being perpetuated, concerning which the requisite biographical material might have been obtained. Even after a correspondence with many of the more aged and influential clergymen in various parts of the United States, with a view to obtain the best list of subjects possible, I cannot flatter myself that none have been overlooked, whose merits justly entitled them to a grateful and honorable notice. I can only say that, with all the helps within my reach, I have made the best selection I could; and that, whatever different phases of opinion may exist in the Episcopal Church, no one has been intentionally slighted,—no one has been intentionally preferred,—my sole object having been to represent the Clergy of the *whole* Church with all impartiality and fidelity. As a general rule, I have endeavored to secure the delineation of character, not only from some surviving friend who could testify from actual knowledge, but from some one whose theological and ecclesiastical sympathies were in harmony with those of the person commemorated. To this rule, however, there have been a few exceptions; though it is confidently believed that in no case has difference of opinion between the subject and the writer been the occasion of any distorted or unfair representation."

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